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The SON of  
J A M E S;  
IN  
An Epistle to *Charles*,

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His Miscarriage, when intended for a *French*  
and *Spanish* CAT'S PAW; with a proper  
friendly Exhortation to the TORIES, if  
any be; and a seasonable Warning to  
G R E A T B R I T A I N.

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*Timeo Danos & dona ferentes.*

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*The CASE of Charles the  
Son of James, &c.*

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RIDE and Ambition, being the strongest Passions of human Nature, which being fir'd and stimulated from Self-love, makes a Man in the highest Stations of Life, especially in his Youth, much exposed to Danger, and very often makes him the Cause of his own Ruin and Fall; the safest Case is, when a Man has nothing to lose, and aims at somewhat great and very exalted: For Example, when a Man born to no Kingdoms and to no Crown, aspires at and pushes for the Crown and Kingdom of another; I believe you know a parallel Instance to this in Fact, very lately; and therefore, I hope it won't be impertinent for me, to give you a few Thoughts upon this Head, which upon



trial you will find to be founded upon Truth and Fact ; and if it serves for a Caveat against future Mistakes, it will answer a very good End.

In the Month of *February* last, I suppose you will acknowledge, that you was intended to be sent over to *England* with *French* Forces, and some Popish Renegado's, to kindle a Civil War in *Great Britain*, by your Patron and apparent Father-in-Law, the *French* King; and as he designs a Wife for you, I cannot but excuse him for endeavouring to provide an Estate to make you live comfortably together ; but I tell you plainly, that in *Great Britain* you cannot have it, and that the more coolly you think of it, the more you will be persuaded of the Truth of what I affirm to you : But I shall as your Well-wisher, endeavour to convince you fully in the following plain and easy Manner, by dint of Reason ; so that I hope you will rest contented, and not covet your Neighbour's House, for I can make you certain, we don't covet to have or see you.

Now first, I shall demonstrate to you  
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the Contradiction and Impossibility of your being King of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, by the Force or Favour of *France* and *Spain*.

2dly, The immediate necessary Consequences of your attempting with a *French* Army, to land any where in his *Britannick* Majesty's Dominions; and how you must resolve upon utter Destruction and Disappointment if you venture.

Next, I shall lay before you and all his Majesty's Subjects, what their State now is; and what it must be upon such an Alteration; and how every Subject will find himself under a Necessity to behave upon any new Attempt of bringing us a *French* Army, or offering your unsought-for Services to a Nation, who have not yet forgot the Sufferings and horrid Persecution of bloody Popery, and its Friends and Votaries.

As your Dependance and your Trust is only from the united Power of *France* and *Spain*, you and your Father's Family have been so long a dead Weight and Burden upon these two Monarchs  
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to support you, if they can by force of Arms and by Violence, get you palm'd upon a foreign Nation, they will certainly be fond to have it accomplish'd; and as their Ends are selfish, as well as friendly to you, pray take Notice what the *British* Nation are aware off, and look for, if any such Thing should happen; first, they conclude for a certain Truth, and very justly, that the first Thing the *French* and *Spaniards* would do, after they had got you settled in *Great Britain*, would be to make the *British* Nation reimburse the Charges of all the Expeditions that ever were undertaken in your Father's Cause and in yours; which would a be long Score indeed: This Piece of Imposition, tho' cruel, we should be forced to undergo: But, Secondly, Sir, were you to prevail, it is evident to Demonstration, you behov'd still to be at the Devotion of *France* and *Spain*; and you durst do nothing for *England*, but by the Advice and Consent of your Popish Creators; our Religion must be changed, our Liberty taken away, and every national Concern

Concern proceed in the Channel which answers best for the Purposes and ambitious Views of *France* and *Spain*; which in Effect would be to make us all Slaves, and but a tributary Province of *France*.

The next Favour we behov'd necessarily to expect from your Accession or Usurpation, must be to have one good strong Act of Parliament, after the Example of *Ch---* II. d. to rescind all by-gone Acts, which would produce horrid Confusion and Barbarity over the whole united Kingdoms.

Further, as nothing less than an Uniformity with *Spain* and *France*, as to Religion, would satisfy your Friend the *Pope*, and your Father; yea, *France* and *Spain* would necessarily insist upon it; you behov'd to comply with it, the Result of which would be to the *British* Nation, That your Priests and *Po-pish* Clergy would have all their Lands, Abbeyes, Superiorities, &c. restored to them. This you durst not deny, and one Act of Parliament would do it. Can you think but the Nobility, Gentry, &c. all over the Nation, are very sensible



ble that this would happen upon your coming amongst us; and as they are aware of it, won't they venture Lives and Fortunes to prevent utter Ruin to them and their Families. And as to the trading Part of the Nation, can you imagine or fancy to yourself, that the *British* Merchants will ever bear it to have their Trade brought to such a precarious State, as that it should be absolutely at the Discretion and under the Direction of *Spain* and *France*, which, beyond all Contradiction, could not but happen, were we to receive a King by the Power and Authority of *Spain* and *France*; that is, to take you instead of your Betters. Now you see, or at least may perceive, that I state Matters fairly, and I can appeal it to yourself, if you ever can think or expect to reign in *Great Britain*.

The Trade of *England*, that very Moment we had you to rule over us, would be just as much, and no more, than what *Spain* and *France* thought fit to allow of, which would be, in Effect, but a Shadow, and as nothing. And as the Trade of *England* could never flourish  
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under your Reign, I hope the Wisdom of the *English* Nation will still appear in being all united to oppose you and your Party, and so to save their dear Country and their Trade, which is their Strength and support, from utter Destruction and Misery.

It is then surprising you can think of any Success among us ; for the whole national Interest, and the Interest of every individual, in every Respect, is in Opposition to your Designs. But before I pass from this Branch of my Argument, I must inform you that all the Nobility, Gentry, &c. who have large and vast Sums upon Government Securities, and all Foreigners who have their Money thus settled, they justly think it very certain, that as you come to overturn the present Government, you must and will necessarily, with the same Dash, make void all Securities, and Servitudes, *i. e.* Debts contracted by a former Government ; so your coming thereby would likewise ruin Thousands ; in short, it is to destroy and to ruin our Nation utterly your Attempt must be.

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And therefore you reasonably may expect the most desperate Resistance from the whole Nation, and all the Kingdom united ; because it is their only Interest to have your Projects destroyed.

I shall allow you, and I own it with Regret, that your Friends, *Spain* and *France*, have been very artfully promoting their Scheme, in your Behalf, for some Years past, among us by Priests, Jesuits, and Missionaries ; and have sent us over, under Mask, several, as *French* Fiddlers, Dancers, Players, and *Italian* Singers ; and done what they could to have the Morals, Religion, and Manners of our Nation, corrupted by Fooleries and foreign Modes ; and that likewise the *Popish* Missionaries here among us have had too great Success in proselyting Numbers, but then we are aware of them ; and now it is to be hoped a proper Check will not only be put to Foolery, Buffoonery and Debauchery, but if we have among us any of *popish* and traiterous Dispositions, they are known, and dare not venture to appear in your Cause ; so I take it, that all  
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your System seems to be blown, and now disjointed. The *French* King, therefore, will not meet with any Acknowledgements nor Welcome for his Present he offers to make of you, to a Nation whose very Being and Welfare consists in having nothing to do with you, nor none of your Generation.

As for the Consequence of your landing with a *French* Army, or any how to invade us, let your Army and you take it for certain you will be roughly handled: Quarters you deserve none; for the Case merits the same Usage as we would give to Cut-throats and Robbers: Every true Subject will fight as Men in Despair; and if never a living *Frenchman* return upon this Attempt, it will be but moderate Retaliation.

And further, whether you believe it or not, you will find it certainly Fact, that the *British* Nation are determined to fight to the last Drop of their Blood to oppose you, and they don't yet forget the Persecutions, the arbitrary Proceedings and Encroachments of a *Charles* and a *James*, your pretended Ancestors.

There are in *Great Britain* above 150,000 such brave Fellows, as for their own Safety and their Country, would destroy any Army which could land to invade them. A monastick Life therefore, Paternal like, you had better chuse, and have a Cardinal's Cap from the *French* King. For we are all very well convinced here, who are true *Protestants*, that our Lives, our Families and Children, our Friends, and all that is valuable, would be at the Mercy of arbitrary tyrannical Usurpation, and all be made a Sacrifice of to gratify diabolical Priestcraft and *Popish* Cruelty ; and therefore we must and will receive you all as the worst and most barbarous of all Enemies. This, I hope, is the Spirit of every true *Briton*, to kill or be kill'd, if you venture to attack us ; we have, standing upon Record, the History of our Reformation, and of our Martyrs, which are fresh Memorials, and lively Pictures every Day in our View, to exhibit to us the Barbarity, Bloodshed, and Cruelty of a *Popish* Faction, and their pretended Religion, enough to frighten any at the Thoughts



Thoughts or Prospect of a *Popish* Superiority, which is utterly inconsistent with the Liberty of a *British* Spirit and Constitution. We are now in full Possession of all our Rights and Liberties ; we live under a Government singular for its excellent Constitution, and remarkable for Mildness: We have no Invasion upon our Properties : What then shall we change for ? Can we propose any thing equal, any thing better than we enjoy at present as free Subjects ? It is then incumbent upon us, as Men, as *Protestants*, and as Lovers of true Liberty, and of our Families, to stand resolute, and boldly determin'd to withstand all Alterations, and all Pretenders and Disturbers of our Peace and Happiness, and to consider that the Ends of *Spain* and *France* are certainly not for the Honour of *England*, but its Destruction and Ruin. We excel them in Trade, we are envy'd by them for our Happiness, and it would be strangely judg'd of us, if we sold ourselves to be Slaves to a Tool of their imposing upon us. As for the People among us called Tories, as I wish heartily



tilly well to their Interests and to their Families, I will appeal it to them all if the following Considerations be not an useful Exhortation to them at this Juncture.

You Gentlemen that are so much attach'd to the *Stuarts* and their pretended Descendants, when your Ancestors engag'd for *Charles I.* what did they gain by taking Part in his Cause? They by extraordinary Expence, and lavishing their Money and Estates in that Cause, ruin'd their Estates and their Families, and entail'd Hardships upon their Posterity; many of which Instances can be produc'd when *Charles II.* was restor'd. The Father's Friends, and those who had been very true to *Charles I.* and had spent their Estates for his Service, did expect great Things when the Son was restor'd; but how were they serv'd? As that Reign was a Scene of continued Debauchery, they met with no true Reward for faithful Services, who had ventur'd Lives and Fortunes for the Father, except a few Favourites who could gratify the Pleasures and vicious Inclinations

tions of their Masters. This Truth many Royalists must own; they were neglected, ungratefully us'd, and even maltreated by *Charles II.* and his Brother. How were some *English* and *Scotch* Nobility serv'd by *James II.* The Instances I point to any may easily guess, what Arts and Means were us'd by Priests to frame Plots, and to endanger thereby, yea, to take away the Lives of the finest Gentlemen and Noblemen of our Nation upon any Discontents.

And now let us consider what the Tories have gain'd by their Adherence to *James II.* after his Abdication; first, they, many of them, lost their Lives, and ruined their Estates, and had no Recompence; they were left to be a Sacrifice for their Rebellion against King *William*; and how many Families have been Sufferers ever since? Next, in the Reign of King *George I.* how many great and antient Families were brought to Ruin by their engaging in Rebellion in the Year 1715, and having a cowardly Head and a bad Cause to maintain and support,



support, they were defeated and destroyed in their unjust Attempts.

Consider then how much is to be gain'd by taking Part in such a desperate Cause, where there is the Prospect of immediate Destruction and Overthrow, and no Chance of prevailing. The present Government having established itself in the Affections and in the Interest of the most considerable Body of the People, and by its Equity and Mildness engag'd even the Favour and Good-will of many former Enemies, who now are convinced of their past Errors, and act upon right Principles.

Methinks then the Rules of Prudence, of Self-preservation, and the Regard all ought to have for their Families and their Estates, ought to overbalance all Motives of Discontent, and to determine us all to live united among ourselves, under so peaceable and kind a Government, which is averse from all Severities, and most generous even to Enemies. But, *Britons*, to awaken your Spirits against the *French*, and rouse you up with just Indignation against their Arts and  
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all their cruel Practices, pray, for your own Sake, and for the Sake of your Families and your Country, take but an impartial View, and consider coolly of the present Desolation and woeful State of *Germany*, of the whole Empire, by the marching of *French* Armies into their Country, and ravaging wherever they came without any just Cause, Colour or Pretence, but to over-power, swallow up, and devour their Neighbours, that there might be no Controul to their Power; Treaties are no further binding upon the *French*, than so far as answers their ambitious Designs, witness their shameful Breach of the Pragmatic Sanction, of which they themselves were Guaranties: How did Marshal *Broglie's* Army commit the greatest Excesses in *Bohemia*, until he was expell'd and forc'd to fly with his Herd? Did not the *French* make the fairest and strongest Protestations of Friendship and of Peace with the Queen of *Hungary* upon her Father's Death, and at the same Time they were projecting the utter Ruin and Destruction of the House of *Austria*! Who would trust such perfidious Cut Throats! they would use you, O *Britons*, as they have done the Queen of *Hungary*, viz. Under false Pretences, and under Mask, they

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would dissemble their real and vile Designs, until once they could get Footing and land in your Country ; then their Mercy would be Cruelty ; they would chain you down and make you and your Posterity Slaves to their Ambition and Cruelty if possible ; remember, dear *Britons*, with bold and enrag'd Spirits, their *Corfican* Mediation, their Mediation is, Murder, Blood and Violence ; they don't give themselves the Trouble to persuade Nations into their Measures ; but by Force of Arms (if possible) they will Dragoon you out of Life and Liberty ; this they have demonstrated to the *Corficans*, to the Empire, to all the Queen of *Hungary's* Dominions, where their Power reach'd ; the Queen of *Hungary* defends herself and her just Cause, with Magnanimity and Resolution unparallel'd : *Britons* all, be united in the same good Cause, in levelling and limiting the Power and Cruelty of such a rapacious Neighbour ; now is your Time to testify your Fortitude, and to shew a true *British* Spirit, and let not the idle and false Insinuations of hungry Journal News Writers, have the least Effect on your Minds, to cool or lessen the Zeal for the common Cause ; it is evident to Demonstration and undeniable by  
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our Enemies, that if the Queen of *Hungary* be successful, and more than match for the *French*, then the Power of *France* will be of no Consequence, and we shall have a sufficient Curb and Check upon their Insolence on the Continent, and at Sea, we can always see them, and dispute the Matter with them : The Groans of *Germans*, thousands of Families ruined, and the deplorable Case of the over-power'd, and threatned Electors and Princes of the Empire, are Proofs sufficient what the *French* are, and what they will be wherever they prevail : What Sort of Persons must any Invaders or Pretenders be, who employ so blood thirsty and violent Enemies to execute their Designs, and make good their Pretensions ! What Notion and Idea must it give every generous Mind concerning the Elector of *Bavaria*, that he a Member of the *Germanic* Body, an Elector, renouncing all Tyes of Blood with the House of *Austria*, and without the least publick Spirit, or regard for his dear Country, should call in and support a *French* Army to plunder, lay waste, burn, slay and destroy his Neighbours, Relations, and in short, to set the whole Empire in a Flame and in Confusion, in order to force Dignities, Titles, and Lands to himself,



self, which he had no just Title to : Such horrid, cruel and bloody Measures ought to put you, *Britons*, all upon your Guard, and to make you stand determined to sacrifice a *French* Army or Party, if they dare to *invade* your Country ; and to make your Name a Terror even to their latest Posterity : Remember *Britons* the Cause of the Queen of *Hungary* is your Cause at present, if you should stand by and see her devour'd and undone ; we shall be the next Victim to *French* Power Pride and Ambition. Our Patriots, our Country Party, yea, all our Nation, our News Writers, still cry'd for assisting the Queen of *Hungary* in a powerful Manner, and in compliance with the Voice and Sentiments of the Nation, the Parliament wisely came to a Resolution to assist her *Hungarian* Majesty with Men and Money, and to be steady, firm and resolute in our Support of her, and in defeating the Designs of *France* will transmit the Name of the *British* Nation, and their Spirit to future Ages with immortal Honour.



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